

Coeur d'Alene Lake Partial Deletion Fact Sheet – June 14, 2005

Is the Coeur d'Alene Lake Part of the Bunker Hill Superfund Site?

Yes. Coeur d'Alene Lake is in Operable Unit 3 of the Bunker Hill Superfund Site.

Will Superfund Clean Up the Lake Sediments?

The 2002 Interim Record of Decision for Operable Unit 3 did not include a cleanup decision for the Lake. This decision was deferred pending the development and effective implementation of a revised Lake Management Plan.

What is the Lake Management Plan?

The Lake Management Plan is a multi-jurisdictional, non-Superfund plan to effectively contain and prevent mobilization of metals from lakebed sediment to protect water quality.

Revisions to the initial 1996 Lake Management Plan are required to accommodate new information gathered during Operable Unit 3 remedial investigations, and to include an environmental monitoring plan, among other things.

Development of a revised Lake Management Plan commenced in 2002 as a joint effort between the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. This Plan has not yet been finalized.

Can Coeur d'Alene Lake Be Deleted From the Superfund Site?

EPA could make a determination that the revised Lake Management Plan has eliminated the need for further cleanup actions, and propose a “no further CERCLA action” (NFA) remedy. This process is described in detail in a letter from Mike Gearheard to Steve Allred, Idaho DEQ and Ernest Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene Tribe. There would need to be several steps leading to this “no further action” decision including:*

- 1) Implementation of cleanup actions upstream of the Lake have begun;*
- 2) The Plan must contain provisions which effectively protect the water quality of the Lake when implemented. This includes an environmental monitoring plan; and,*
- 3) Assurance that the Plan has been adopted by state, tribal, and local governments, and that these governments have made a commitment to implement the Plan over time.*

After proposing a NFA remedy decision, EPA would then issue a NFA Record of Decision for the Lake. This would be followed by a proposal for partial deletion of the Lake, followed by a final partial deletion rule making.

**See EPA Coeur d'Alene Basin website for the Gearheard letter of March 25, 2003*

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